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## Cohen says nation misdirected

### He bills U.S. as 'soft, lazy'

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COHEN

Former Defense Secretary William Cohen said Thursday that the Sept. 11 terrorist strikes are a wake-up call for America.

Describing the nation as "soft, lazy and self-indulgent" in an Alamo City breakfast speech, he suggested the attacks offered the nation a chance to find its soul.

"We have had a misprioritization of values, frankly," Cohen told 450 people at the event, sponsored by Trinity University.

"And I'm speaking to a city that prizes its athletic teams and its outstanding basketball team, and I was here to stand next to David Robinson," he continued, noting that athletes, movie stars and other celebrities earn millions. "And then look what we pay for our police and our firemen, our teachers,

our military.

"Something has to change."

A redirection of the nation's moral compass was a key theme of Cohen's 50-minute appearance at

Trinity's Policymaker Breakfast Series, now in its 21st year, at the DoubleTree Hotel.

But he also praised President Bush's handling of America's response to the terror attacks, telling reporters that by deploying a variety of forces, the White House is giving itself options.

Cohen went on to say that "it would be a mistake for us to consider occupying territories for any length of time in Afghanistan," adding that "if military action is to be required, I would expect it would be more special forces, lightning strikes."

Asked if the Taliban should be forced out of power, he said Afghanistan's religious rulers "are in the process of disband-

ing."

But Cohen had little comment on reports that the government of Sudan in March 1996 offered to arrest terror suspect Osama bin Laden and turn him over to Saudi officials. The Saudis refused to take him and the Clinton administration abandoned the effort.

Bin Laden then fled to Afghanistan, where he's reputed to have masterminded the 1996 attack on the Khobar Towers dormitory blast that left 19 U.S. airmen dead in Saudi Arabia.

"It's easy to second-guess at this point," said Cohen, a senator when Sudan made the offer. "I'd have to know all the information that President Clinton and his national security team had available at that time."

Cohen, a one-time mayor of Bangor, Maine, spent 24 years in the House and Senate. He became defense secretary and the sole Republican in Clinton's Cabinet in early 1997.

Early in his address, Cohen told the crowd he felt deep pride "when I look around this coun-

try and see the rallying, a surge of patriotism" across the nation.

"But it's been said that it takes adversity to introduce a person to himself, and I think the same thing can be said of the country," he said.

America is hated in some quarters because of its open, democratic culture, as is "much of civilization itself that represents what we in fact stand as a beacon of," Cohen said. "And it's because of who we are that these individuals have tried to tear down our particular society."

"And this is a defining moment for us," he said, comparing it to World War II.

Our vulnerabilities have sharpened into focus, he said, as the battle lines have blurred.

"In the war of terrorism, everybody's on the front lines and so no one can say this particular area is off limits to terrorists," Cohen told reporters. "They will strike wherever they think they can inflict the most amount of casualties to achieve their goal."

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# Rapist of military women pleads guilty

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A rapist who preyed on military women in San Antonio and Louisiana pleaded guilty Thursday to sexually assaulting a female enlistee at Lackland AFB and to a series of attempted rapes at two other military bases.

Robert Sauri Baker, a 23-year-old civilian, entered guilty pleas in federal court to one count of aggravated sexual abuse, four counts of attempted aggravated sexual abuse, abusive sexual contact and credit card fraud.

The assaults involved six women and occurred over about four months in housing at Fort Sam Houston, Lackland AFB and Fort Polk, La. All the victims were in the military, except for the civilian wife of a Fort Polk soldier.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Norris called the case "one of the most serious federal sex crime cases" prosecuted locally.

The attacks began Sept. 25, 2000, when Baker fondled a female army private taking a

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shower in a latrine at Fort Sam, and culminated in the rape of a woman in her Lackland dormitory shortly after midnight Jan. 11, according to court records.

The attacker often surprised the women as they slept, but he was able to gain entry to an army private's room by asking to use her telephone.

The assailant usually threatened to harm his victims with weapons ranging from a knife to an article of clothing.

In the case of the Lackland victim, court documents state the woman awoke to find her attacker sitting over her. The victim stated she feared for her life as the assailant sexually assaulted her while holding a

screwdriver to her neck.

The attacker left the base in a taxi and paid for the \$37 fare with a credit card stolen from an army lieutenant, according to court papers.

Baker was arrested in Lawton, Okla., several days later.

DNA samples taken from the rape victim and from the scene of an attempted rape matched Baker's genetic profile, according to court records. A fingerprint taken from a telephone in the Lackland dormitory also matched Baker's.

Baker's attorney, federal public defender Kurt G. May, could not be reached for comment.

Baker entered his pleas Thursday as part of a deal that calls for 23 years and four months in prison. The sentence includes an additional 18 months behind bars because the crimes were committed while Baker was on supervised release for a previous stolen credit card conviction.

Baker is scheduled for sentencing Dec. 7 before U.S. District Judge Fred Biery.

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**Security scare at RAFB****By Shelton Dodson**

KENS 5 Eyewitness News

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Operations were back to normal about 5 p.m. Thursday after a suspicious truck sparked precautions at a local military installation and sent a scare throughout the community.

Randolph Air Force Base officials said about 3 p.m. a suspicious vehicle was discovered on base inside the west gate.

The driver of the delivery truck was stopped and questioned. Officials said he was delivering propane tanks to a store on base. The vehicle was unloaded while security personnel and a dog unit searched the vehicle and merchandise.



Security Police check identification of people entering Randolph AFB.

Officials said the driver, who was new to the route, failed to follow proper procedures, which caused the heightened security.

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Express-News: America in Agony

## Experts feel safe flying from S.A.

By Patrick Driscoll

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Security experts who flew into town this week for a convention said they felt safe with the security measures in place at San Antonio International Airport.

"It was well done," said Robin Brown, director of security for Intrado Inc. in Boulder, Colo., a software company. "And I'm retired FBI, so I look for those things."

Brown, a pilot who flew surveillance, emergency transportation and search missions for the FBI for 23 years, joined about 15,000 others for the American Society for Industrial Security's 47th annual convention.

Many of the society's members flew home Thursday, going through security checkpoints at San Antonio's airport for the first time — arriving passengers don't go through the checkpoints.

"It's as secure as an airport under civilian conditions is going to be, I suspect," Barry Young said from a cell phone just minutes after going through one of the two checkpoints.

"I felt safe," said Young, director of security for United Health Group in Minneapolis.

Tighter security measures enacted at airports nationwide after the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon include a ban on knives — metal or otherwise — and any other sharp objects such as razors, scissors or nail clippers. Also, only ticketed passengers are allowed past checkpoints.

As in other airports, commuters flying out of San Antonio must have a photo identification card and go through metal detectors. Bags are randomly searched and all are X-rayed.

Most people welcome the added restrictions, with some saying they're not enough.

"I'm not quite sure it's as secure as it should be, just watching. That's my layman's opinion," said Clint Faust as he waited for a boss to fly in Thursday from Dallas. "It looks like it's flowing through pretty fast to do much good."

But it's impossible for security to be foolproof, professionals at the security convention said. Terrorists will continually look for weak links and little breaks.

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"Once they find it, they're going to go ahead and use that," said Larry Lorence, a security official for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

The security experts as well as other travelers didn't agree on whether National Guard troops are needed at airports. Soldiers are scheduled to be stationed today at major airports in Texas, including San Antonio's.

Eighteen troops are assigned to San Antonio, according to airport officials. Two will be posted at each security checkpoint 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Young said the private sector is capable of providing enough security at airports. Other professionals said National Guard soldiers will help until the federal government can take over checkpoint operations.

"They need something in the interim," said Lorence, a sergeant first class in a National Guard unit in Laurel, Md. "It's just a show of force and protection for the people."

Guard members are expected to be in place for six months. A U.S. Senate bill is proposing that federal personnel take over screening of people and baggage. The bill also calls for federal marshals on every flight and safeguards to prevent unwanted entries into cockpits.

The security professionals also said air travelers can increasingly expect more technology to be used for security. Mentioned were devices that can scan faces, retinas and fingerprints and computer systems that compare those images with databases.

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# FBI refutes S.A. hijacker link

## Officials say neighbors mistaken about man at complex

By KARISA KING

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FBI officials on Thursday disputed some television news reports that one of the hijackers in the Sept. 11 attacks lived at a North Side apartment complex, saying the man residents have identified has no connection to the terrorists.

A local TV station reported this week that management and neighbors at Spanish Trace Apartments, a sprawling, nondescript compound on Blanco Road, recognized the man from photos of the hijackers released by the government.

But in a statement released Thursday afternoon, FBI officials said the man residents knew is alive, living in Saudi Arabia and not linked to any aspect of the deadly plot.

It was the second time since the Sept. 11 attacks that local news reports have prompted

San Antonio FBI officials to break their silence about the anti-terror probe in hopes of stemming media speculation and local fears.

The San Antonio Express-News declined to publish a report on the alleged sightings because neighbors were unable to positively identify the suspected terrorist.

But some residents and workers said that they recognized the man identified by the government as Satam M.A. Al Suqami. He is one of the hijackers identified by the FBI as being aboard American Airlines Flight 11, which slammed into the north tower of the World Trade Center.

But those sources added that the man they knew did not use the name Al Suqami while he lived there. Instead, they recalled that he used the last name of another suspected hijacker: Al-Hazmi.

FBI officials, who were at the

complex within days of the attacks, believe that residents mistakenly identified Al Suqami as a man named Sultan Salem Al-Hazmi, who lived at the apartments, trained at Alpha Tango Flying Services and is living in Saudi Arabia. Al Suqami never lived in San Antonio, the FBI said.

No evidence links him or San Antonio doctor Al-Badr M.H. Al-Hazmi, to the attacks, authorities said.

Dr. Al-Hazmi was cleared after two weeks' detention as a material witness in the investigation. Media speculation surrounding his case first spurred the FBI to refute reports linking the radiologist to the hijackers in a support role.

The FBI investigation at Spanish Trace Apartments was one of thousands of leads pursued here and among more than 200,000 leads worldwide.

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# FOCUS: TERRORISM AND U.S. POLICY

## Freedom not arrogant

Re: the Sept. 28 letter "American Arrogance" by John Maxstadt:

The comment about the World Trade Center disaster, that "we had it coming," was appalling. If being a model, even an imperfect one, for other nations is arrogance, then so be it.

Fortunately for Maxstadt, he lives in a country that allows him the freedom to express whatever opinion he desires. I have to wonder if he would consider that arrogance also.

— Leonard Denney,  
Wimberley

## Stop interfering now?

In the Sept. 26 article "Charity officials fear massive starvation is on the horizon," was the following statement: "After all, the U.S. government once supported Iraq's Saddam Hussein and the CIA trained bin Laden."

U.S. policy of interfering in other countries is not good for America. After Sept. 11, will we now stop it?

— Mary Adams

## Think twice, Fox

Mexico will not commit any forces for the war on terrorism. I find this insulting after all the demands President Vicente Fox made about open borders and guest worker programs.

Mr. Fox, wake up and smell the coffee. Voting Americans can open or close the border by letting our congressmen know what we want. So, show us that you will stand by us, just like the British.

If your country was ever under attack, U.S. armed forces would defend it and die to keep your people free.

Think twice and show us you care about our country, or the border may not be as wide as you hoped.

— Rudy Fuentes

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start evaluating him under the harsh reality of actual achievements?

In fact, isn't it time to stop talking about Clinton altogether and start dealing with the world he left us, a world that includes the war he declared on terrorism and, no doubt, "meant" to win?

— Bill Deegan

## Happened to others

To the writer of the Sept. 21 letter "Legacy of nothing":

Your hatred for former President Clinton has clouded your memory. There were terrorist attacks against Americans before Clinton, and no doubt there will be more.



REAGAN

In 1983, a suicide truck bomber destroyed a Marine barracks in Beirut. Our president at the time was Ronald Reagan; he also lobbed a couple of missiles, there was a conflict, and then all was forgotten.

Stop the finger-pointing; it serves no purpose. We are dealing with a madman who believes his god tells him that it's OK to kill the innocent.

May God bless you, and may God bless America, even Bill Clinton.

— Maggie Medina

## Took hit for Israel . . .

Our leadership has already told us our temples to capitalism were destroyed by supporters of the Palestinians. Is it possible that by virtually ignoring Israel's increasing aggression, we took the hit for Israel?

If so, what makes our long-term alliance with Israel so valuable that we risk putting the world at war? Most of the world doesn't care whether the Arabs and Israelis hate each other. What I care about is that our leadership chose a foreign policy that did not protect us from this hatred.

I would like to see our military posturing accompanied by demands on Israel to assume some responsibility for the collateral damage of 6,000 lives. Why? Because I can't see how a war against terrorism can be won. It has proven much too effective a weapon to ever be eradicated.

Meanwhile, I hope the coalition of world leadership will demand a settlement between these two terroristic peoples so we can all return to our wonderful capitalistic way of life without further loss of innocent lives.

— Nancy Robards

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## Meant to stop terror

A Sunday letter writer suggested the Sept. 11 attacks would not have occurred had Bill Clinton still been president because he was "trying" to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict ("Undo some damage").



CLINTON

Interesting! As I recall, Clinton was not a fan of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Hillary Clinton suggested an independent Palestinian state. James Carville went to Israel to help Ehud Barak win the election against Netanyahu.

Desperate for a legacy, Clinton invited Barak and Yasser Arafat to Camp David and was portrayed as the lead actor in negotiating a peace settlement, which saw Barak offer almost everything the Palestinians have been demanding for 50 years.

The result: Arafat thumbed his nose at everyone and went home to a hero's welcome, the region fell into chaos, Barak was soon out of a job, Hillary pandered to Jewish voters in New York, and Clinton quickly turned his attention to a trip to Asia and presidential pardons.

Isn't it time we stop giving Clinton credit for what "he meant to do" and

## Clinton gave them more

In his column Saturday, Julio Noboa states that "despite everything the Taliban has already done, including enslaving women and girls ... this administration still gave them millions of our tax dollars."

I have to believe the dollars given to Afghanistan in the seven months of this administration pales in comparison to what the Clinton administration shelled out.

Yet I don't recall Noboa condemning the Taliban or the Clinton administration's support of Afghanistan. I wonder why. Oh, nevermind, I already know, don't I?

— Alvin Kahanek

## Pay for peace

I have a suggestion for our fight on terrorism. It is based on my belief that the average citizen of any country would rather be with his family than go to war.

Much of the fuel of terrorists stems from the ill will between the Muslim states and Israel. Fueling this fire is the discrepancy in the foreign aid provided by the United States to these opposing factions.

Rather than spending billions of dollars and countless lives on the war on terrorism, why not offer Muslim nations foreign aid amounts equal to that we provide Israel, to be used strictly for humanitarian aid?

Offer it in return for these nations turning over Osama bin Laden and other terrorists. No terrorists, no money. Let the Muslim nations do the dirty work. In return, we will improve their standard of living.

— Leslie P. Busick

## ... which deserves help

While U.S. Middle Eastern policies may be partially to blame for Sept. 11, it doesn't follow that our policies are wrong — it just means the terrorists don't like them.

The United States always has, and always will, support democracy Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, deserves our unwavering support in its struggle against the forces with which we are now familiar.

Our invited presence in Saudi Arabia may inflame terrorists, but we weren't there until Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. We can end our Saudi Arabian mission as soon as we finish off Saddam and his now-unchecked nuclear weapons program.

The neo-pacifists and feel-good elites are saying our Middle East policies are the moral equivalent of hijacking airliners and crashing them into office buildings. It would follow that what Timothy McVeigh did was understandable because he was really, really mad about Waco.

Will we meekly allow these terrorists to escape moral culpability? Or will we patiently hunt them down? I say, let the hunt begin.

— John Harlan

## Remember Bosnia?

For years, U.S. soldiers have been stationed in Bosnia to save Muslims from genocide. America has demonstrated its readiness to fight on behalf of Muslims. The United States is not against Islam, but terrorism. It is sad the media have not emphasized this aspect of U.S. foreign policy.

— Dr. B.S. Thyagarajan

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## Military retiree access to Luke AFB facilities

The commander of the 56th Fighter Wing here has approved a plan to accommodate the use of base shopping and medical facilities by local military retirees starting last week.

This schedule is necessary to accommodate the flow of traffic around the installation due to heightened security measures following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington D.C.

Retired patrons must adhere to the following schedule:

Patrons whose last name begins with A to L will be granted access to shopping facilities from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This same group of beneficiaries may also meet scheduled medical appointments on these days from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as well as visit the satellite pharmacy in the shopping complex.

Patrons whose last name begins with M to Z will be granted access to shopping facilities from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. This same group of beneficiaries may also meet scheduled medical appointments Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as well as visit the satellite pharmacy in the shopping complex.

A shuttle service is available at the Defense Logistics Agency on El Mirage Rd. near Glendale Ave. to all beneficiaries to pick up pharmacy prescriptions only weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to Noon. This shuttle does not accommodate shopping as seating and storage is limited.

Shopping facilities and the base chapels will be open and available to all patrons during normal operating hours Sundays.

Each driver and passenger who requests entry to the base is required to have a military identification card. Those without valid identification will be denied access to the base. Charter buses will be denied access. Carpooling is encouraged. The driver's last name will determine access for all patrons in the vehicle. Community vans will only be allowed access if the driver and all passengers can produce military identification cards.

"I recognize both the valued service of military retirees and their frustrations caused by restricting access to the base's shopping and medical facilities," said Colonel Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander. "However, during these times of heightened security and mission importance, Luke is not operating under normal circumstances."

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### Businesses near Luke suffer, but remain open

#### *View report*

With security heightened on and at entrances to Luke Air Force Base, business at restaurants and other retail establishments next to it is suffering.

Barricades at Northern Avenue and Camelback Road notify motorists that Litchfield Road is closed except to local traffic. Similar barricades impede westbound traffic on Glendale Avenue at Dysart Road.

"But businesses in the area like us are *open*," said Dominic Accardi of Accardi's Italian Restaurant, which is across the street from Luke at 7109 N. Litchfield Road, near the corner of Glendale Avenue.

Accardi admits that patrons of his eatery and other retailers along Litchfield Road or Glendale Avenue across from the base may have to drive a little slower and endure a bit of traffic from cars in line at checkpoints to enter the base.

"But we're all still here trying to get past the tragedy and back to business — just like the president asked everyone to do," Accardi said.

Among other businesses in the immediate area are a Taco Bell, Union 76 gasoline station and Circle K store, McDonald's, Jack-in-the-Box, Sonic Drive-in, Schlotzsky's Deli and the Hair Force One salon.

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Luke AFB photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus



Luke AFB photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Matthews

### Help on the way

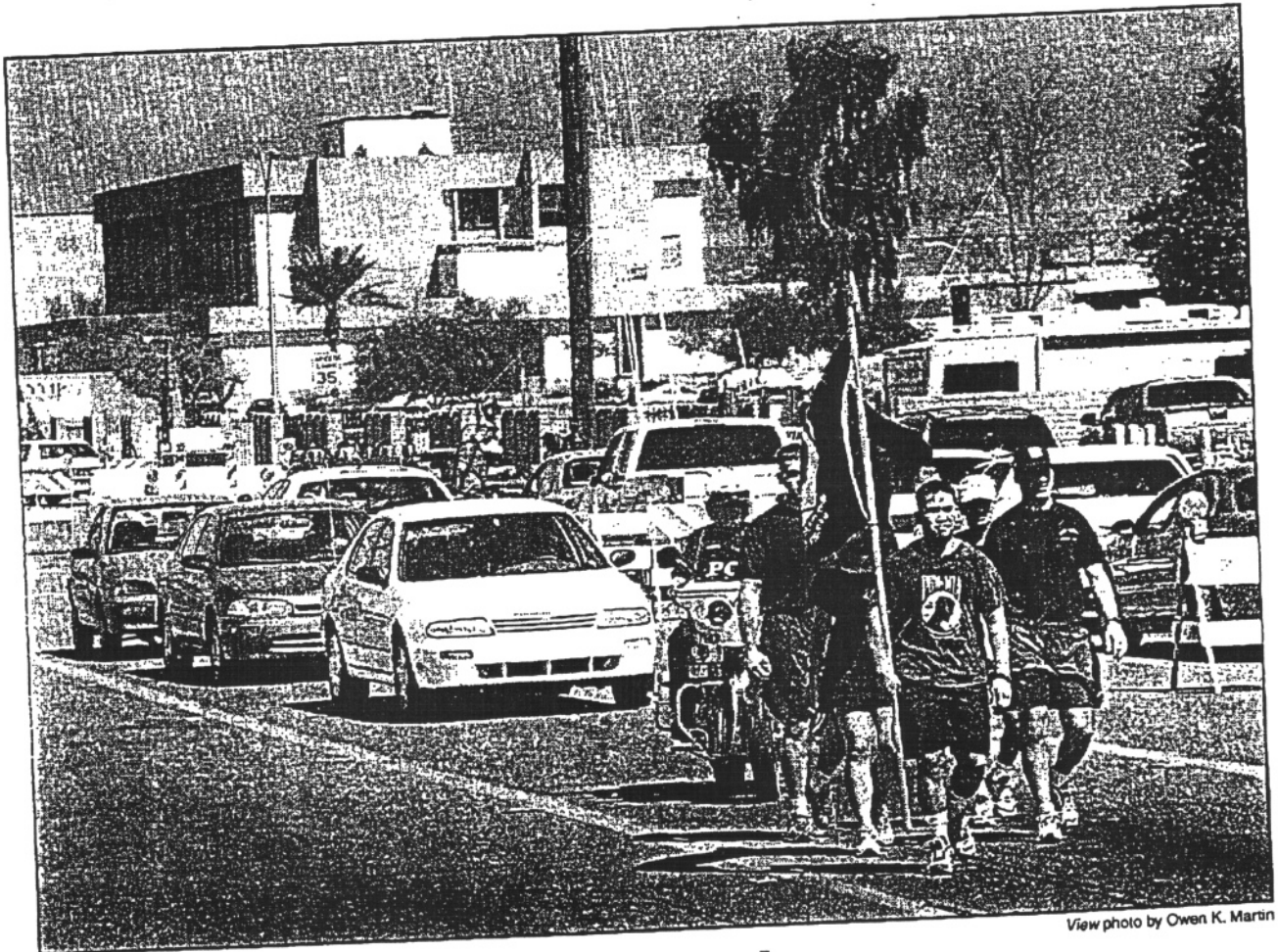
(Above) Some of the more than 60 members of the Phoenix Fire Department's Urban Search and Rescue team board a C-141 Starlifter Sept. 19 at Luke Air Force Base. The rescue team was heading for New York City to participate in search and rescue operations at the site of the World Trade Center disaster. (Left) An unidentified dog handler and her dog both catch some shut-eye at the staging area in the Luke Air Force Base fire station before boarding the plane for the flight to New York.

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View photo by Owen K. Martin

### *Remembering POW/MIAs*

Air Force Lt. Spencer Prou leads a group of Air Force officers south on Litchfield Road from the main gate at Luke Air Force Base Sept. 21 as they begin a procession toward the state Capitol in Phoenix carrying the POW/MIA flag in recognition of POW/MIA Day. The flag will be flown over the veterans' memorial at the state Capitol.

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### Life, liberty, groceries

While the Bush administration was in Congress explaining why this national emergency requires the most extreme measures to thwart the terrorist threat, our military was put on highest alert.

Private citizens were willing to submit to the grounding of airplanes, and to more searches of their personal belongings when going to ballgames and public events.

Hardly anyone complained when Litchfield Road was shut down to allow the Air Force to secure Luke Air Force Base. No one except mission-critical personnel was allowed on base. Searches were performed before families living on base could return home, causing waits of up to five hours.

Patriotism swelled throughout the land ...

Except from local military retirees.

Our retirees were restricted from using base shopping and pharmacies because of the increased security concerns.

Our retired military personnel should know the seriousness of the mission and the reasons for the additional security measures better than the civilian public. But they complained the loudest.

In response, Luke reopened the shopping facilities to the retirees, at the expense of the lifestyle and security of the active-duty military dependents.

It's too bad so many of our military retirees aren't willing to make the minor sacrifice of losing their federally subsidized discounts despite the Air Force being on highest alert.



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### Don't complain

No more complaints about Luke Air Force Base.

SHAWN KNAGGS  
SURPRISE

### Appreciates support for military base

Thank you for printing all the letters (*Surprise Independent*, Sept. 19-25, 2001) from people who are grateful for Luke Air Force Base. I was tired of all the whiners complaining about the noise and the remote possibility of an F-16 crashing into a house. Like someone said, after the events of Sept. 11, are you now glad Luke is there? I hope so.

I am from New York City, where most people I've spoken to were aware of the vulnerability to terrorism that comes with living in a large city. Don't be fooled though, it can happen anywhere, even here.

How selfish can people be to complain about a little noise, when those pilots are exercising bravery and sacrifice to protect us? They should be thanked, not driven out of town.

If you can't sleep because of the jet noise, turn on a fan to muffle it, and say a prayer to God for those pilots.

Would you rather live in a country where leaders place innocent civilians in harm's way deliberately instead of protecting them?

CHERYL BOSKO  
SURPRISE

### Proud of Luke

### AFB, America

To all of you out there constantly criticizing Luke AFB or to the homeowners associations that complain about flying Old Glory, I have been able to sleep peacefully, knowing in the past few days and nights the sky was secure in Arizona.

About Old Glory, I haven't been flying it because I must get a new one, and will be proud to fly it every time I can. This is for all Americans who have perished in wars, and now for the inhumane tragedy brought upon us. God bless America.

### Shame on us

What a greedy and self-serving lot we have become as we shout "not in my backyard." We love to cry freedom and exercise our First Amendment right to exhaustion, but ask us to support our troops on local bases, we complain about the possible threat to our community.

The word propaganda has gone out of vogue along with the collapse of the Iron-Curtain, but its technique is still very much in use here in Surprise. If we talk of the possibility of disasters every week, scare enough people, rally folks to this cause, then we might just get Luke shut down. This "not in my backyard" mentality weakens our defense system, as well as the morale of the troops that serve. While ground troops and support teams are still very much a requirement the ever-increasing technology necessitates well-trained pilots. Both the Gulf War and support of the European front have exemplified that. At a time when we are losing military pilots to commercial airlines, military pay is not comparable, medical coverage has become an HMO-type plan, a bit of patriotism and public support is all that is left.

LINDA POWELL  
SURPRISE

### God bless America

I am a Mexican living in the U.S. for the past 15 years. Also my 10-year-old daughter was born in the U.S. My husband served in the Army in Texas. I have never felt very American until the tragedy in New York. I cried so much for all the innocent people who lost their lives. I prayed and still pray for all Americans and myself. I came to this country with nothing and this country gave so much, for which I am very thankful. Therefore, I did not take my money out of the stock market even if I lose it. I believe in America. I stand behind America 110 percent. I believe in the American economy. I do not care about losing money in the stock market because it is material things that with hard work you can get back. However, precious lives you can never recover. I gave blood. I donated money and I will fight for America if I have to. All Mexicans are with America.

even those in Mexico. We love all American brothers and sisters. It takes something bigger than terrorism to destroy a country like America. God bless America. I never complained about Luke Air Force Base. I have lived next to the base all the 15 years I have lived here and it makes me feel safe. God bless firefighters, policemen, FBI, CIA, and people.

CAMELIA P. HAYGOOD  
EL MIRAGE

### Move Luke AFB

Wrapping the flags around yourselves and your brains doesn't change public opinion on Luke Air Force Base and its terrible safety record. Luke AFB is a tragedy waiting to happen. We've all been lucky so far. I am sorry to inform you but Luke AFB did not protect you on Sept. 11 any more than our military did in New York City or Washington, D.C. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate Luke AFB's mission as a training base, but not its location. About 55 years ago when Luke AFB was built, it was a perfect spot. I know a location where Luke AFB can continue its mission — it's 35 miles south of Luke AFB's present location already owned by the military. The Barry Goldwater Gunnery and Bombing Range. It makes absolute perfect sense.

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## MILITARY PROFILE: VIVIAN J. DOUGLAS DUDLEY

**V**ivian J. Douglas Dudley wanted a career. The Montgomery native said she found one in the United States Air Force.

"I like the Air Force. I have a lot of pride in what I do, and I enjoy serving my country," Dudley said on Tuesday afternoon.

She is assigned to Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base's 42nd Medical Group. The staff sergeant has been

in the military for almost 10 years.

Dudley was 27 years old when she joined the Air Force. She was tired of going from job to job and was looking for rewarding work.

"Before joining the military, I worked a few jobs but there was nothing that was career-oriented. I found that part in the Air Force," she said.

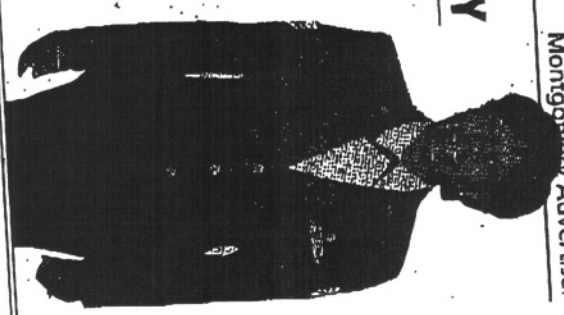
And Dudley also fulfilled her goal of earning a college

degree. Last year she was awarded a bachelor's degree in psychology from Troy State University, Montgomery.

She hopes to return to earn a master's degree in psychology.

When she's not working, Dudley likes to play volleyball and softball. She is also raising her 15-year-old son, Chris, who attends Robert E. Lee High School.

—Kim Williams-Neil



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